

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus adapted to perform ring-type multiple-address ~~transmission~~ transfer, said apparatus comprising:

a memory, arranged to store received image data;

~~a registration unit, arranged to register a sub-address signal and a communication specification so as to correspond to a memory box;~~

a transfer unit, arranged to transfer the received image data stored in said memory;

an identification unit, arranged to identify whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address ~~processing~~ transfer; and

a processor switching to transfer the received image with image information added thereto or to transfer the received data without adding image information in accordance with whether the ring-type multiple-address transfer is performed or not,

~~a processor, arranged to cause said transfer unit to transfer the received image data without adding transmitter information if the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing, and to cause said transfer unit to~~

~~transfer the received image data with the transmitter information added thereto if the received image data is not data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing,~~
wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data
as image data.

Claims 5-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A communication method performing ring-type multiple-address ~~transmission~~ transfer, said method comprising the steps of:

storing received image data in a memory;

~~registering a sub-address signal and a communication specification so as to correspond to a memory box;~~

transferring the received image data stored in said memory;

identifying whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address ~~processing~~ transfer; and

switching to transfer the received image with image information added thereto or to transfer the received data without adding image information in accordance with whether the ring-type multiple-address transfer is performed or not,

~~causing said transferring step to transfer the received image data without adding transmitter information if the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing, and causing said transferring step to transfer the received image data with the transmitter information added thereto if the received image data is~~

~~not data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing,~~

wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data
as image data.

Claim 10. (Canceled)